

an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of the user's nose located between the first and second nasal passages; and  
a resilient member having an adhesive substance thereon, the resilient member included in at least a portion of the first and second end regions and the intermediate segment which resilient member is capable, at least in part, of resilient deformation that, through the adhesive substance [in contact therewith] thereon being on a surface thereof oriented at least in part the same way as [the adhesives face on] are said first and second end regions to have said adhesives thereat available to engage the outer wall tissues, tends to cause the first and second end regions to separate from one another after being urged toward one another to give the truss member a tendency to return to its initial state when flexed to thereby act to stabilize the outer wall tissue and so prevent the outer wall tissue of the first and second nasal passages from drawing in during breathing while allowing the truss member to conform to the outer wall tissue of the nasal passages of a user's nose, the truss member including an adhesive void and configured to extend about a user's nose such that the intermediate segment traverses an exterior region of the bridge of a nose with the adhesive void located between the truss member and the bridge.

#### REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of July 5, 2000 . In that Action, claims 2, 4 through 7, 16, 21, 23, 27 through 31, 39 and 41 through 44 were allowed, and claims 3, 24 through 26, 32 through 34, 36 through 38, 40 and 45 through 48 were rejected. Claim 35 was objected to as depending on a rejected claim but would otherwise be allowable.